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Mark Schmidtbauer

I am greatly honored to serve as president of SDOU and I truly appreciate your confidence in me. I have immense admiration for all the officers and presidents of the past who have worked long and hard to make this fine organization what it is today. When thinking about what to write about for this first page, I thought a good way to look to the future was to visit SDOU's past. What were the founder's visions for this organization? What were their challenges? How did they grow it to what it is today? Some of the answers to these questions certainly can be found in SDOU's statement of purpose "To encourage the study of birds in South Dakota and to promote the study of ornithology by more closely uniting the students of this branch of natural science." But wouldn't it be interesting to know more about SDOU's early beginnings, their month-to-month activities, and their downright doggedness to keep their fledging organization afloat?

The work of many determined members over the years have made finding answers to these questions easy for us inquiring



members. From the early years of setting up a written *Bird Notes* index to access all the previous issues of our quarterly publication, to today's digital links to all the *Bird Notes* on our website, our members have complete access to this treasure trove of information. So, this is exactly what I did. I started reading all the president's pages for the first 15 years in *Bird Notes* and what a page turner it was! I was fascinated with their enthusiasm, knowledge and professionalism in all the ways they promoted and grew their young organization. I was especially inspired by Presidents N.R. Whitney and Ruth C. Habeger when they wrote about SDOU's efforts to protect birds and their habitats in the 12 issues from June 1959 through March 1962. I wouldn't have enough room in this column to cover all the topics that were discussed in the first 15 years of president's pages so what I did was group each page into a common theme. Mostly they were about: the importance of SDOU, growing membership, observation reports, the birds of South Dakota, habitat conservation, benefits of birding, protection of raptors, meeting reports, bird feeding and future projects. I recommend all members look back at these previous issues of *Bird Notes* to learn what SDOU has stood for and accomplished over these last 73 years. Of course, reading all of them would be quite a task, so even if you looked back at just a few issues, I think you will learn a lot and maybe it will pique your curiosity to do more research.

After I read all about this organization's early years, the question that came to me was, "Is SDOU still on the path that was blazed by our founders?" I would wholeheartedly say yes! Most of the topics that were discussed and promoted way back then are still important and relevant today. Our founders had remarkable foresight and because of this we have the viable and successful organization we have today. Even though my confidence in the direction of SDOU's trajectory is strong, I still believe we can learn from our past to keep moving forward. You can anticipate my future columns to include more history from our early years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for the 2023 SDOU meetings. The spring meeting will be held 19 - 21 May, 2023 at the Abbey of the Hills near Milbank, while the fall meeting will be at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, with dates TBD.

New SDOU web site. The URL is the same (<u>sdou.org</u>) but our web site has a new look. Check it out! While you are there, log in to your member account and check that all of the information in your profile is complete and up to date. In addition, you can control which parts of your personal information can be seen by other members. Note that neither non-members nor the general public can see any of your information.



SDOU Fall Meeting, Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2022

Chris Anderson

On Friday, September 30, approximately 35 birders convened at the Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls for the fall meeting. After two cancellations of the fall meeting due to covid-19, it was nice to assemble in person once again. Several new SDOU members were in attendance – we thank them for joining our organization, it was nice meeting you and getting to spend some time together! Attendees spent a couple of hours socializing and birding around the Outdoor Campus. It was a bit windy, but the feeders near the building were busy, and there were a few migrants (Yellow-rumped Warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Solitary Sandpiper) around.

Our Friday evening speaker was Mick Zerr, who gave a great talk about his lively feeder complex in southwest Sioux Falls. He also described many of the citizen science projects and events that birders can contribute to, including but not limited to eBird, Project FeederWatch, the Great Backyard Bird Count, the Christmas Bird Count, and of course our own SDOU online database. Contributing data to these projects can help researchers study changes in things like bird populations, phenology, and range.

Saturday morning again saw breezy conditions to start the day, but attendees still enjoyed a few hours of birding



The rest of Saturday was spent at the Baymont Inn listening to the research paper sessions organized by Dave Swanson. For the first time, this included a mix of both in-person and online Zoom presentations. Improvements to technologies like Zoom during the pandemic may be one of the few positives to come out of the last few years, as this allowed us to reach researchers from farther away who would not have otherwise been able to give a talk to our group.

Fall meeting paper session speakers and presentation titles. Student presenters are indicated with an **

1. Reza Goljani-Amirkhiz**, University of South Dakota – *Predicting pheasant abundance in South Dakota*

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- 2. Nadeesha Illeperuma**, University of South Dakota Impacts of redcedar invasion along the Missouri River on winter riparian bird richness and abundance
- 3. Jessica Howell, American Bird Conservancy Land use and wintering destinations of Long-billed Curlews breeding in the western Dakotas
- 4. Mark Dixon, University of South Dakota *Bird use of early successional vegetation along the Missouri River: What do we lose by managing sandbars for plovers and terns?*
- 5. Sam Kucia**, South Dakota State University *Natal origins of Mallards harvested in the Atlantic Flyway using a stable isotope approach*
- 6. Elsie Aslesen**, Dakota State University Neonicotinoid accumulation in eggshells of birds in the wild
- 7. Diane Roeder, South Dakota State University Environmental constraints on extra-pair paternity in the socially monogamous Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- 8. Jessica Graham, Black Hills State University Reproductive Scents: Breaking down misconceptions of avian smell and investigating its role in reproductive timing
- 9. Chelsi Marolf**, University of South Dakota Metabolic enzymes and metabolic traits in darkeyed juncos during cold acclimation
- 10. David Swanson, University of South Dakota Blue Grosbeak arrival phenology in South Dakota: A citizen-science project

We continued at the Baymont Inn for our evening banquet and featured speaker, Nathan Pieplow. The Sioux Falls native and author of the Peterson Field Guides to Bird Sounds gave a fascinating talk about several different birding apps and technologies that aid in bird identification using photos, sound and

artificial intelligence. There was also a lively discussion about Motus towers, a collaborative and coordinated research effort using radio telemetry towers scattered across the continent to monitor bird movements.

We assembled again on Sunday morning for more birding field trips, with one group going to Good Earth State Park and another going to some private land east of Sioux Falls owned by Jerome and Mary Freeman. The Freemans generously allow the Sioux Falls Bird Club to visit periodically, and are always interested to hear what is found on their land. It was windy once again, but both locations were very busy with fall migrant songbirds.



Between the two days of field trips, 82 species of birds were observed.

SDOU Fall 2022 Species List

Canada Goose Wood Duck Mallard Blue-winged Teal Hooded Merganser Wild Turkev Ring-necked Pheasant Pied-billed Grebe Rock Pigeon Eurasian Collared-Dove Killdeer Mourning Dove Solitary Sandpiper Franklin's Gull Bonaparte's Gull Double-crested Cormorant American White Pelican Ring-billed Gull Great Blue Heron White-faced Ibis Turkey Vulture Bald Eagle Northern Harrier Sharp-shinned Hawk-Cooper's Hawk Broad-winged Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Belted Kingfisher Red-bellied Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker Northern Flicker Blue-headed Vireo

Blue Jay American Crow Black-capped Chickadee Barn Swallow Ruby-crowned Kinglet Golden-crowned Kinglet Red-breasted Nuthatch White-breasted Nuthatch Brown Creeper House Wren Sedge Wren Marsh Wren Brown Thrasher European Starling Gray Catbird Swainson's Thrush American Robin Eastern Bluebird Cedar Waxwing House Sparrow House Finch American Goldfinch Grasshopper Sparrow Chipping Sparrow Clay-colored Sparrow Field Sparrow Fox Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Harris's Sparrow Dark-eyed Junco Savannah Sparrow White-throated Sparrow LeConte's Sparrow Spotted Towhee Song Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow Eastern Towhee Western Meadowlark Red-winged Blackbird Brown-headed Cowbird Brewer's Blackbird Common Grackle Common Yellowthroat Orange-crowned Warbler Nashville Warbler Northern Cardinal Rose-breasted Grosbeak Yellow-rumped Warbler Dickeissel Canada Goose Wood Duck Mallard Blue-winged Teal Hooded Merganser Wild Turkey Ring-necked Pheasant Pied-billed Grebe Rock Pigeon Eurasian Collared-Dove Mourning Dove Killdeer Solitary Sandpiper Bonaparte's Gull Franklin's Gull Ring-billed Gull Double-crested Cormorant White-faced Ibis American White Pelican Great Blue Heron Northern Harrier Turkey Vulture Bald Eagle Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Broad-winged Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Belted Kingfisher Red-bellied Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker Hairy Woodpecker Northern Flicker Blue-headed Vireo Blue Jay American Crow Black-capped Chickadee Barn Swallow Ruby-crowned Kinglet Red-breasted Nuthatch Golden-crowned Kinglet White-breasted Nuthatch Brown Creeper House Wren Sedge Wren Marsh Wren European Starling Gray Catbird Brown Thrasher Eastern Bluebird Swainson's Thrush American Robin Cedar Waxwing House Sparrow House Finch American Goldfinch Grasshopper Sparrow Chipping Sparrow Clay-colored Sparrow Field Sparrow Fox Sparrow Dark-eyed Junco White-crowned Sparrow White-throated Sparrow LeConte's Sparrow Harris's Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

Savannah Sparrow

Spotted Towhee

Eastern Towhee Western Meadowlark Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird Brewer's Blackbird Common Grackle
Orange-crowned Warbler Nashville Warbler Common Yellowthroat
Yellow-rumped Warbler Northern Cardinal Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Dickcissel

Thanks to Mick Zerr, Doug Chapman, Bob Bork, Rosemary Draeger, and Todd Jensen for organizing the meeting and leading field trips.



Fall Highlights in Custer County

Michael Melius

August was Lark Bunting month around my place in northeastern Custer Co., as several post-breeding flocks were gathering along local gravel roads. They appeared to have a good breeding season here. By the end of the month those birds seemed to have moved on and migrating flocks could be found, e.g. around 40 buntings east of Folsom on 29 August. Sometimes Lark Sparrows are found with the buntings, but not many. That is a species which appears to have declined in numbers in recent years, both migrating and breeding.

Upland Sandpiper is another bird of August for me. Local breeders are still around, while migrants can be heard, though not often seen, any time of day or night. I've heard them over the Black Hills, including one this year in Lawrence Co., 17 August. There's not a chorus of calls, just a single bird heard, nor have I found large flocks--six and eight were the largest groups I've seen the past two years. The last-of-season Long-billed Curlew was heard on 20 August.

I did all four of my nightjar surveys last summer. Forty stops produced only 18 Common Nighthawks and one Common Poorwill. This being the third year of drought might explain the paucity. I did see a flock of over 30 Common Nighthawks at the Cheyenne River on 7 August, foraging for hours in the afternoon and evening. It's a spot where I observed a large flock, hundreds of nighthawks, on 27 August 1986. There are springs on the west side of the valley that may support flying insects more than other sites along the river.

August ended with this local area receiving about 6" of rain in a week, most of it in one night. A neighbor's stock dam was suddenly full of water. Two days later I heard both yellowlegs species calling from that pond. There haven't been many waterfowl around all year so I wasn't surprised that the pond didn't attract much else through the fall.

Local prairies did green up nicely in September. I wonder if the relatively lush conditions contributed to the appearance of 20 Wilson's Snipes on my land on 2 October. We'd had some rain overnight, such that I hoped for some good birds that morning, e.g. a late, sweetly-calling Black-headed Grosbeak in my yard. But this was the most snipe I've seen at one time, anywhere. They were foraging in an upland setting, including my garden, and didn't seem in a hurry to leave. I observed several snipes over the next few days, the last on 7 October.

October 2nd was the only day I saw hawks in any numbers. Late that afternoon I watched a long line of them flying southeast, over half a mile east of my place. I couldn't tell what they were from that distance. They did appear to be relatively long-winged, so likely were Swainson's Hawks, over 200 in number.

The highlight of a trip to Slim Buttes in early September was hearing numerous Common Poorwills. On the 10th I was camped at the south end of the Buttes and heard three, maybe five calling as the full moon came into view. The next night I heard two more, and one on the last night, at different campsites.

Sparrow migration was fairly typical in terms of timing. Vespers were quite abundant along local roads the last week of September. I had one Harris's in my yard on 13 October. Most memorable was a White-throated Sparrow in the Badlands. A friend and I were exploring along the Badlands wall on the Cain Creek side on the morning of 11 October. A front came through with strong north winds, bringing with it some flocks of Sandhill Cranes--and the sparrow, which apparently had just come from the Sage Creek side and was enjoying the protection from the wind. It is not a common migrant around here, so it was especially astonishing to see it foraging in the rubber rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus*), on otherwise barren hillsides of the Badlands.



Common Gallinule Confirmed Breeding in Day County

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On 24 July 2021, I observed two adult Common Gallinules (*Gallinula galeata*) with 5-6 young 0.25 miles south of the junction of 444th Ave. and 142nd St. at the northwest corner of Bitter Lake in Day County, South Dakota. Bitter Lake is one of the largest naturally occurring lakes in South Dakota. In recent years it has flooded extensively although, due to dry conditions, water levels had dropped slightly during 2021. The gallinule family was seen along the east side of the gravel road, between the road edge and the cattail marsh. One of the adults, clearly identifiable from the red frontal shield and red, yellow-tipped bill, was foraging but was not observed feeding the young. The other adult remained mostly hidden in the cattails and only came out for a brief period. Five young birds were clearly visible and at one point I thought I had a brief look at 6 – four of them tended to hang together and the other 1-2 were a short distance away from the main group. Compared to the somewhat similar juvenile American Coot (*Fulica americana*), these juveniles seemed to be longer legged, more grayish on the face and neck, and stood upright on rather long legs. Photos provided to the South Dakota Rare Bird Records Committee were rated Class 1P and approved at their Fall 2022 meeting. These birds, up to 2 adults and up to 4 young) were observed by at least 4 other observers (Ricky Olson, Cheryl Vellenga, Chris Anderson, and Kenny Miller) through 24 August 2022 (Kenny Miller).

There are several historical records of Common Gallinule, formerly Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), from eastern South Dakota. It was reported from the Ft. Sisseton area in Day (now Marshall) County by Knickerbocker in 1869 (Chilson, 1968) although it was not included on McChesney's 1875-1878 list of Birds of Ft. Sisseton (Youngworth, 1935). Sweet (Visher 1915) shot one near Vermillion in Clay County on 15 Apr 1899 which is still the earliest reported spring arrival date. Peterson reported a bird shot at Wentworth Slough in Lake County in 1918 (Tallman *et al.*, 2002). It was considered it a summer resident in Day County by Youngworth and Lundquist (Lundquist, 1950). Lundquist (1950) also cites a summer 1950 report from Beadle County by Dahlgren. Additional records can be accessed through the SDOU Seasonal Bird Observation Report System (SDOU 2022). Tallman *et al.* (2002) lists Common Gallinule as a casual migrant and accidental summer resident east, accidental west. Subsequently, the status of this species has fluctuated between casual and accidental and was considered casual on the most recent distributional checklist for the state (2020, Palmer). Prior to this sighting, there had been no reported observations of Common Gallinule in the state since late May of 2015 when it was reported from northeastern Brookings County (e-bird).

The first confirmed nesting record for the state was from Brown County during the summer of 1995 (Meeks 1996, Meeks in Swanson 1996). A pair at a nest was observed on 03 Jul and a nest with 8 eggs was found on 13 Jul. In 2010 at least 7 adults and 3 broods (with 4, 3, and 2 young) were reported in the flooded marshes just west of Hecla in Brown County (Drilling *et al.*, 2018 and Swanson 2011). In 2012 flightless, precocial young were again reported from Brown County just a few miles to the east and south of the Hecla site (Drilling *et al.*, 2018). The current report represents the fourth breeding record for the state (counting the 2010 broods as a single record) and the first outside of Brown County. Interestingly, on 20 August 2022 Deanna M. Palmer and I observed and photographed another apparent immature Common

Gallinule west of Hecla. This report has been submitted to the Rare Bird Records Committee for their review and should be acted on at their Spring 2023 meeting. If accepted, this would represent the fifth breeding record for the state.

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The 2022 Spring Season 01 March 2022 to 31 May 2022

Compiled By: Chris Anderson

There were 317 species, including 12 rarities (Whimbrel, Western Sandpiper, Glaucous-winged Gull, Sedge Wren (west), Golden-crowned Sparrow, LeConte's Sparrow (West), Prothonotary Warbler, Mourning Warbler (West), Kentucky Warbler, Cape May Warbler (West), Black-throated Green Warbler (West), Black-throated Gray Warbler) and 12 first county records reported to the SDOU online database during the season. The ten-year (2012-2021) average is 319. Below, I have tried to highlight the more significant sightings (early/late dates as given in the online database or first county records, indicated in bold; species that are significantly out of range; or confirmed breeding for species that breed early). For early/late migration dates, I have listed the three earliest/latest dates (by county). However, if these did not include a sighting East River, West River, and along the Missouri River, I have included the earliest/latest reported date from the missing region also.

Included at the end of this report is a list of species that were not reported this year but might be expected during the Spring Season. A species is placed on the list if it was not reported this year but had been reported during spring in at least 2 of the previous 5 years. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of consecutive years (up to 4) that the species has appeared on the list during the season.

Snow Goose Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Hughes RDO; 08 Apr Pennington JLB ... Late: 28 May Day JSP; 14 May Brown GO; 14 May Kingsbury JSP; 21 Apr Hyde KM

Ross's Goose Early: 05 Mar Lake JSP; 06 Mar Stanley KM; 13 Mar Charles Mix KP ... Late: 04 May Minnehaha CA; 28 Apr Spink CV; 16 Apr Brookings JSP

Greater White-fronted Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Hughes RDO; 02 Mar Sully KM; 05 Mar Lake JSP ... Late: 07 May McCook JSP; 04 May Minnehaha CA; 22 Apr Hand KM; 10 Apr Clay GJS

Canada Goose Confirmed Breeding: 03 May-23 May, Minnehaha, Douglas, Brookings, Roberts, Hand, Stanley, Walworth, Pennington (ON, PY)

Cackling Goose Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Hughes RDO; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 03 Mar Minnehaha CA; 07 Mar Pennington CLG ... Late: 17 Apr Brown GO; 01 Apr Yankton GJS; 31 Mar Sully RDO; 14 Mar Haakon RDO

Trumpeter Swan Early: 03 Mar Stanley KM; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 12 Mar Charles Mix CA ... Late: 28 May Hamlin CV; 16 May Corson KM; 15 May Harding KM

Tundra Swan All Reports: 12 Mar Lake JSP; 19 Apr Roberts GO

Wood Duck Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 14 Mar Minnehaha CA; 28 Mar Haakon KM

Blue-winged Teal Early: 16 Mar Hughes KM; 24 Mar Douglas KP; 25 Mar Minnehaha CA; 25 Apr Pennington CLG

Cinnamon Teal All Reports: 12 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 18 Apr Minnehaha JSP (first since 1911); 09 May Pennington CLG

Northern Shoveler Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 14 Mar Lyman JSP; 17 Mar Fall River JSP

Mallard Confirmed Breeding: 03 May-23 May Minnehaha, Pennington (PY)

Gadwall Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 05 Mar Stanley RDO; 07 Mar Pennington CLG

American Wigeon Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 07 Mar Pennington CLG

Northern Pintail Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 01 Mar Stanley RDO; 07 Mar Pennington CLG

Green-winged Teal Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 12 Mar Charles Mix CA; 14 Mar Haakon KM

Canvasback Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Hughes KM; 14 Mar Lyman JSP; 28 Mar Haakon KM Redhead Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 07 Mar Pennington CLG

Ring-necked Duck Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Hughes RDO; 05 Lake JSP; 07 Mar Pennington CLG

Greater Scaup Early: 02 Mar Hughes, Stanley RDO; 19 Mar Yankton DS; 22 Mar Tripp RDO; 25 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 24 Apr Roberts CV; 21 Apr Marshall GO; 05 Apr Charles Mix CA

Lesser Scaup Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 14 Mar Haakon KM

Long-tailed Duck All Reports: 14 Mar Lyman JSP; 19 Mar Yankton DS

Bufflehead Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 07 Mar Minnehaha CA; 07 Mar Pennington CLG ... Late: 16 May Corson KM; 09 May Lake JSP; 07 May Douglas KP; 02 May Perkins CV

Common Goldeneye Late: 30 Apr Butte CV; 21 Apr Marshall GO; 16 Apr Roberts CV; 13 Apr Stanley KM

Hooded Merganser Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Lake JSP; 07 Mar Pennington CLG ... Late: 28 May Roberts GO; 22 May Charles Mix KP; 18 May Douglas KP; 11 Apr Custer RDO

Common Merganser Late: 23 May Pennington CLG; 20 May Stanley RDO; 14 May Roberts CV

Red-breasted Merganser Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 12 Mar Charles Mix CA; 18 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 22 May Hughes KM; 04 May Stanley KM; 27 Apr Minnehaha CA

Ruddy Duck Early: 05 Mar Lake JSP; 12 Mar Clay DS; 19 Mar Minnehaha CA; 29 Apr Butte KM

Northern Bobwhite All Reports: 15 May Douglas KP; 26 May Gregory KP

Ring-necked Pheasant Confirmed Breeding: 03 May Faulk (NE) MMM

Gray Partridge All Reports: 08 Apr Custer MMM; 29 Apr Butte KM; 01 May Butte, Meade KM; 12 May Dewey KM; 13 May Harding KM; 31 May Custer MMM

Greater Sage-Grouse All Reports: 30 Apr Butte CV; 01 May Butte CA, KM, KP, CV; 14 May Harding KM

Pied-billed Grebe Early: 25 Mar Minnehaha CA; 30 Mar Hughes, Stanley KM, RDO; 11 Apr Custer MMM

Horned Grebe Early: 26 Mar Charles Mix JSP; 01 Apr Yankton GJS; 02 Apr Gregory KP; 15 Apr McCook JSP; 30 Apr Butte CA, KP ... Late: 19 May Buffalo JSP; 08 May Hyde KM; 07 May Gregory CA; 01 May Pennington ND

Red-necked Grebe Only Report: 28 May Codington JSP

Eared Grebe Early: 02 Apr Charles Mix KP; 17 Apr Stanley KM; 19 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Butte KM

Western Grebe Early: 20 Apr Hughes, Stanley KM; 21 Apr Hand KM, RDO; 29 Apr Butte KM

Clark's Grebe Early: 24 Apr Stanley KM; 27 Apr Hughes KM; 01 May Butte KM; 10 May Brown CV

Mourning Dove Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 05 Mar Minnehaha CA; 15 Mar Clay GJS; 09 Apr Jackson KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 24 Apr-31 May Brown, Hand, Hughes, Harding counties (NB, NE, NY)

Yellow-billed Cuckoo All Reports: 14 May Lincoln CA; 27 May Marshall CV; 29 May Clay GJS

Black-billed Cuckoo Only Report: 16 May Hughes EDS

Common Nighthawk Early: 12 May Clay DS; 24 May Roberts CV; 24 May Stanley RDO; 27 May Custer MMM

Common Poorwill All Reports: 24 May Stanley RDO; 31 May Harding KM

Eastern Whip-poor-will All Reports: 07 May Hughes KM; 08 May Hyde KM (first county record); 14 May Lincoln CA; 25 May Charles Mix KP

Chimney Swift Early: 29 Apr Lake JSP; 02 May Pennington CLG; 05 May Douglas KP; 06 May Charles Mix KP

White-throated Swift All Reports: 30 Apr Lawrence KM; 09 May Pennington CLG; 14-15 May Harding KM; 29 May Harding KM

Ruby-throated Hummingbird Early: 08 May Clay GJS; 10 May Lake JSP; 12 May Roberts CV

Virginia Rail Early: 17 Mar Fall River JSP; 01 May Bennett ND; 09 May Beadle KM; 22 May Charles Mix KP

Sora Early: 01 May Fall River JSP; 04 May Minnehaha CA; 06 May Marshall GO; 07 May Hughes KM **American Coot** Early: 07 Mar Pennington CLG; 12 Mar Charles Mix CA; 14 Mar Haakon KM; 19 Mar Minnehaha CA

Sandhill Crane Early: 17 Mar Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 08 Apr Stanley KM; 11 Apr Pennington MMM, KM, RDO ... Late: 03 May Faulk MMM; 22 Apr Hyde KM; 21 Apr Hand KM, RDO

Whooping Crane All Reports: 27 Mar Aurora KP; 21 Apr Hand KM, RDO; 22 Apr Hand KM

Black-necked Stilt Early: 23 Apr Miner JSP (first county record); 06 May Hughes KM, RDO; 09 May Beadle KM, RDO

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Black-bellied Plover Early: 28 Apr Spink CV; 03 May Hand KM; 06 May Sully RDO ... Late: 26 May Gregory KP; 23 May Hand KM; 21 May Sully RDO

American Golden-Plover Early: 09 May Kingsbury KM, RDO; 15 May Lincoln CA; 15 May Moody JSP ... Late: 23 May Miner JSP; 21 May Lincoln CA, CV; 19 May Sanborn JSP

Semipalmated Plover Early: 22 Apr Hand KM; 23 Apr Miner JSP; 23 Apr Stanley RDO ... Late: 22 May Charles Mix KP; 16 May Sully KM; 14 May Kingsbury JSP, DS

Piping Plover Early: 12 Apr Stanley KM; 21 Apr Clay DS; 10 May Brown CV

Killdeer Early: 16 Mar Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 16 Mar Minnehaha CA; 28 Mar Pennington CLG

Upland Sandpiper Early: 28 Apr Custer MMM; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Lyman CA, KP; 29 Apr Ziebach KM; 03 May Hand KM

Long-billed Curlew Early: 09 Apr Custer MMM; 11 Apr Pennington MMM; 30 Apr Butte KM

Hudsonian Godwit Early: 15 Apr Yankton DS; 18 Apr Douglas KP; 18 Apr Minnehaha JSP ... Late: 28 May Day JSP; 19 May Turner KP; 14 May Kingsbury JSP

Marbled Godwit Early: 17 Apr Stanley RDO; 18 Apr Douglas KP; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 25 Apr Custer MMM

Ruddy Turnstone All Reports: 09 May Kingsbury RDO; 09 May Minnehaha KM; 10 May Brown CV; 15 May Minnehaha CA; 23 May Hand KM; 23 May Kingsbury JSP; 28 May Day JSP

Stilt Sandpiper Early: 06 May Sully RDO; 07 May Douglas KP; 09 May Minnehaha KM ... Late: 28 May Marshall GO; 22 May Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 22 May Clay GJS

Sanderling Early: 22 Apr Hand KM; 22 Apr Miner JSP; 23 Apr Stanley RDO ... Late: 28 May Day JSP; 23 May Hand KM; 22 May Hughes KM

Dunlin Early: 16 Apr Clay GJS; 23 Apr Miner JSP; 28 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Late: 28 May Marshall GO; 22 May Charles Mix KP; 15 May Minnehaha CA

Baird's Sandpiper Early: 01 Apr Douglas KP; 12 Apr Stanley RDO; 15 Apr McCook JSP 01 May Ziebach KM ... Late: 28 May Hamlin CV; 21 May Sully RDO; 14 May Clay GJS; 14 May Harding KM

Least Sandpiper Early: 22 Apr Hand KM; 26 Apr Sully RDO; 26 Apr Clay GJS; 01 May Ziebach KM ... Late: 22 May Clay GJS; 22 May Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 14 May Harding KM

White-rumped Sandpiper Early: 09 May Kingsbury, Minnehaha KM; 14 May Charles Mix KP; 14 May Clay GJS; 14 May Kingsbury JSP ... Late: 28 May Day JSP; 28 May Hamlin CV; 28 May Marshall GO; 22 May Brookings JSP; 22 May Charles Mix KP; 22 May Clay GJS

Buff-breasted Sandpiper All Reports: 14 May Kingsbury JSP; 21 May Lincoln CA, CV

Pectoral Sandpiper Early: 16 Apr Clay GJS; 23 Apr Miner JSP; 28 Apr Minnehaha CA ... Late: 28 May Day JSP; 28 May Marshall GO; 26 May Charles Mix KP; 24 May Brookings CV

Semipalmated Sandpiper Early: 21 Apr Hand KM, RDO; 23 Apr Miner JSP; 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 01 May Bennett ND ... Late: 28 May Hamlin CV; 24 May Brookings CV; 22 May Charles Mix KP; 14 May Harding KM

Short-billed Dowitcher All Reports: 09 May Sanborn KM, RDO; 16 May Sully KM

Long-billed Dowitcher Early: 24 Mar Douglas KP; 21 Apr Hand KM; 22 Apr Hyde KM; 29 Apr Ziebach KM; 29 Apr Meade CV ... Late: 24 May Brookings CV; 18 May Clay GJS; 17 May Hyde JSP; 17 May Sully RDO; 02 May Butte, Dewey, Harding CV

American Woodcock Early: 09 Apr Lincoln CA; 11 Apr Marshall, Roberts CV; 25 Apr Hughes KM

Wilson's Snipe Early: 05 Apr Douglas CA; 09 Apr Moody JSP; 11 Apr Marshall CV; 12 Apr Stanley KM; 25 Apr Pennington CLG

Wilson's Phalarope Early: 16 Apr Brookings JSP; 18 Apr Charles Mix KP; 21 Apr Hand KM, RDO; 29 Apr Ziebach KM

Red-necked Phalarope Early: 01 May Bennett ND; 14 May Harding KM; 17 May Hyde JSP ... Late: 23 May Hand KM; 23 May Kingsbury JSP; 22 May Charles Mix KP; 21 May Sully RDO

Spotted Sandpiper Early: 23 Apr Miner JSP; 26 Apr Clay GJS; 26 Apr Lincoln CA; 30 Apr Butte CA, KP

Solitary Sandpiper Early: 02 May Pennington CLG; 03 May Lincoln CA; 07 May Douglas CA, KP ... Late: 24 May Brookings CV; 17 May Hand JSP; 14 May Minnehaha CA; 09 May Pennington CLG

Greater Yellowlegs Early: 31 Mar Douglas KP; 31 Mar Lake JSP; 08 Apr Stanley KM; 29 Apr Meade CV ... Late: 19 May Turner KP; 16 May Corson KM; 15 May Harding KM; 15 May Lincoln CA

Willet Early: 16 Apr Clay GJS; 18 Apr Charles Mix KP; 21 Apr Hand, Hyde, KM, RDO; 30 Apr Butte CA, KM, KP ... Late: 23 May Hand KM; 23 May Kingsbury JSP; 21 May Sully RDO; 14 May Harding KM

Lesser Yellowlegs Early: 24 Mar Douglas KP; 31 Mar Lake JSP; 31 Mar Sully RDO; 12 Apr Custer MMM ... Late: 23 May Hand KM; 22 May Clay GJS; 18 May Union GJS; 15 May Harding KM

Bonaparte's Gull Early: 02 Apr Charles Mix, Gregory KP; 12 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 15 Apr McCook JSP ... Late: 14 May Kingsbury JSP; 07 May Charles Mix CA, KP; 04 May Stanley KM

Little Gull Only Report: 12 Apr Stanley RDO

Franklin's Gull Early: 23 Mar Stanley KM; 25 Mar Minnehaha CA; 31 Mar Sully RDO; 29 Apr Butte, Ziebach KM

Short-billed Gull Only Report: 26 Mar Stanley RDO

Ring-billed Gull Early: 02 Mar Hughes RDO; 12 Mar Charles Mix CA; 14 Mar Minnehaha CA; 16 Mar Meade JSP

California Gull Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Hughes RDO; 16 Mar Butte JSP; 28 May Hamlin CV

Herring Gull Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Hughes KM, RDO; 16 Mar Douglas KP ... Late: 28 May Hamlin CV; 17 May Sully RDO; 04 May Stanley KM

Iceland Gull Early: 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 05 Mar Hughes KM, RDO ... Late: 24 Apr Stanley KM

Lesser Black-backed Gull Early: 05 Mar Hughes RDO; 23 Mar Stanley RDO ... Late: 29 Apr Hughes, Stanley CA, KP

Glaucous Gull Late: 25 Apr Stanley KM; 10 Mar Hughes KM

Great Black-backed Gull All Reports: 13-25 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 19 Apr Hughes RDO

Least Tern Early: 14 May Clay GJS; 20 May Stanley RDO; 25 May Gregory KP

Caspian Tern Early: 15 Apr Stanley RDO; 19 Apr Hughes RDO; 19 Apr Moody CV; 30 Apr Butte, Meade CA, KM, KP ... Late: 28 May Marshall JSP; 26 May Charles Mix KP; 21 May Sully KM; 01 May Lawrence CV

Black Tern Early: 05 May Minnehaha CA; 07 May Douglas CA, KP; 09 May Hyde KM

Common Tern Early: 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 07 May Douglas CA, KP

Forster's Tern Early: 12 Apr Stanley KM; 14 Apr Lincoln CA; 21 Apr Hyde KM; 29 Apr Butte KM

Common Loon Early: 30 Mar Minnehaha CA; 02 Apr Charles Mix, Gregory KP; 30 Apr Butte, Meade CA, KM, KP ... Late: 24 May Hand KM; 21 May Stanley KM; 19 May Lyman JSP

Double-crested Cormorant Early: 25 Mar Minnehaha CA; 28 Mar Lincoln CA; 29 Mar Hughes KM; 29 Apr Butte KM; 29 Apr Meade CV ... Confirmed Breeding: 10 May Brown, Marshall (ON) CV

American White Pelican Early: 19 Mar Yankton DS; 26 Mar Charles Mix, JSP, KP; 27 Mar Aurora KP; 29 Apr Butte KM; 29 Apr Meade CV

American Bittern All Reports: 10 May Brown CV; 24 May Brown GO

Least Bittern Only Report: 28 May Marshall GO

Great Blue Heron Early: 07 Mar Pennington CLG; 26 Mar Stanley KM; 30 Mar Brookings JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 28 Mar-29 May Brown, Marshall, Hand, Hyde, Harding, Pennington (CN, NB, ON, NY)

Great Egret Early: 12 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 16 Apr Brookings JSP; 20 Apr Douglas KP ... Confirmed Breeding: 10 May Brown (ON) CV

Snowy Egret All Reports: 26 Apr Clay GJS; 28 Apr Day CV; 06 May Day GO; 07 May Douglas CA, KP; 17 May Hyde JSP; 28 May Codington JSP

Cattle Egret Early: 20 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 21 Apr Hand KM, RDO; 21 Apr Marshall GO

Green Heron All Reports: 06 May Lake JSP; 07 May Douglas KP; 14 May Kingsbury JSP; 16 May Brown GO; 24 May Brookings CV

Black-crowned Night-Heron Early: 21 Apr Day GO; 25 Apr Hughes KM; 06 May Marshall GO

Glossy Ibis All Reports: 16 May Sully KM; 17 May Sully RDO; 21 May Sully RDO

White-faced Ibis Early: 21 Apr Hyde KM, RDO; 22 Apr Hand KM; 27 Apr Brown GO; 30 Apr Butte CA, KM, KP

Turkey Vulture Early: 28 Mar Pennington CLG; 29 Mar Hughes KM; 31 Mar Clay GJS; 01 Apr Hutchinson KP

Osprey Early: 10 Apr Clay GJS; 11 Apr Pennington CLG; 12 Apr Hughes KM; 12 Apr Stanley RDO; 18 Apr Brown GO ... Confirmed Breeding: 11 Apr-23 May Stanley, Pennington, Lawrence counties (CN, ON)

Golden Eagle Late: 03 May Walworth CV; 28 Apr Hand CV; 08 Apr Stanley KM; 12 Mar Charles Mix KP ... Confirmed Breeding: 13 May Harding (ON) KM

Northern Harrier Early: 12 Mar Charles Mix CA; 12 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 13 Mar Charles Mix, Douglas KP; 13 Mar Sully KM; 17 Mar Fall River JSP

Bald Eagle Confirmed Breeding: 08 Mar-14 May, 14 counties (ON, FL)

Sharp-shinned Hawk Late: 08 May Hyde KM, RDO; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 26 Apr Sully RDO; 17 Apr Roberts CV

Cooper's Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 10 May-28 May Sully, Douglas (ON)

Northern Goshawk All Reports: 01 Mar Hughes RDO; 02 Mar Sully KM

Broad-winged Hawk Early: 15 Apr Roberts CV; 19 Apr Pennington MMM; 22 Apr Lake JSP; 24 Apr Stanley KM ... Late: 28 May Codington CV; 28 May Roberts JSP; 27 May Marshall CV; 18 May Stanley JSP; 15 May Harding KM

Red-tailed Hawk Confirmed Breeding: 01 Mar-03 May Minnehaha, Roberts, Spink, Hyde (CN, ON, NY)

Swainson's Hawk Early: 12 Apr Charles Mix KP; 19 Apr Pennington MMM; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Hand, Hyde KM, RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 13 May Custer (NB) MMM

Rough-legged Hawk Late: 01 May Butte RDO; 16 Apr Stanley RDO; 02 Apr Lyman RDO; 01 Apr Douglas KP

Ferruginous Hawk Early: 02 Mar Sully KM; 17 Mar Custer JSP; 29 Apr Butte KM; 03 May Faulk MMM ... Confirmed Breeding: 13 May Harding (ON) KM

Barn Owl All Reports: 24 Mar Charles Mix KP; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 02 May Hughes KM; 10 May Hughes RDO

Great Horned Owl Confirmed Breeding: 12 Mar-29 May Brookings, Brown, Charles Mix, Douglas, Harding, Hughes, Hyde, Roberts, Stanley counties (CN, FL, ON, NY)

Snowy Owl All Reports: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 13 Mar Douglas KP

Burrowing Owl Early: 10 Apr Hughes KM; 14 Apr Custer MMM; 16 Apr Stanley RDO

Barred Owl Only Report: 14 May Lincoln CA

Long-eared Owl Confirmed Breeding: 15 Apr Stanley (ON) KM

Short-eared Owl All Reports: 01 May Lyman MMM; 13 May Custer MMM

Northern Saw-whet Owl Confirmed Breeding: 13 May Harding KM ... Late: 17 Mar Sully KM; 15 Mar Hughes KM

Belted Kingfisher Early: 14 Mar Pennington KM; 20 Mar Lawrence VDF; 24 Mar Minnehaha CA; 26 Mar Gregory JSP

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Early: 23 Apr Roberts CV; 24 Apr Clay GJS; 28 Apr Douglas KP

Red-naped Sapsucker All Reports: 29 Apr Lawrence RDO; 01 May Lawrence RDO, CV

Lewis's Woodpecker All Reports: 01 May Meade KM, CV

Red-headed Woodpecker Early: 01 May Meade CV; 03 May Lincoln CA; 06 May Union DS

Red-bellied Woodpecker Reported West River: 21 Mar Lawrence VDF

American Three-toed Woodpecker All Reports: 01 Mar Lawrence DGP; 15 Mar Custer JSP; 28 Mar Pennington KM

Black-backed Woodpecker Only Report: 14 Mar Pennington RDO

Pileated Woodpecker All Reports: 14 May Lincoln CA; 08 – 28 May Marshall GO, CV; 09 Mar – 28 May Roberts JSP, CV

Northern Flicker Early: 01 Mar Brown GO; 01 Mar Hughes KM; 02 Mar Stanley RDO; 02 Mar Sully KM; 05 Mar Lawrence VDF ... Confirmed Breeding: 08 May-18 May Hyde (ON) KM

Merlin Late: 14 May Harding KM; 09 May Brookings CV; 02 May Brown GO; 24 Apr Stanley KM

Peregrine Falcon Early: 03 Mar Minnehaha CA; 12 Apr Hughes, Stanley KM; 23 Apr Miner JSP ... Late: 23 May Douglas KP; 16 May Minnehaha CA; 03 May Hand KM; 01 May Butte KM

Prairie Falcon All Reports: 13 Mar Charles Mix KP; 15 May Custer MMM; 15 May Harding KM

Olive-sided Flycatcher All Reports: 13 May Union DS; 18 May Union GJS; 24 May Brookings CV

Western Wood-Pewee All Reports: 23 May Pennington CLG; 27 May Hughes KM; 29-30 May Harding KM

Eastern Wood-Pewee Early: 14 May Lincoln CA; 14 May Marshall, Roberts CV; 14 May Union GJS

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher All Reports: 17 May Minnehaha CA; 26 May Clay DS; 27 May Lake JSP

Alder Flycatcher Early: 16 May Minnehaha CA; 17 May Yankton DS; 18 May Hyde KM ... Late: 28 May Hughes KM; 28 May Marshall GO; 28 May Roberts JSP

Willow Flycatcher Early: 09 May Brookings CV; 09 May Hyde RDO; 10 May Douglas KP

Least Flycatcher Early: 03 May Brown GO; 04 May Stanley KM; 06 May Clay DS; 12 May Dewey, Harding KM

Cordilleran Flycatcher All Reports: 22 May Lawrence VDF; 23 May Pennington CLG

Eastern Phoebe Early: 02 Apr Charles Mix, Gregory KP; 09 Apr Lincoln DS; 09 Apr Moody JSP; 16 Apr Tripp RDO

Say's Phoebe Early: 11 Apr Custer KM, RDO; 12 Apr Stanley KM; 16 Apr Hughes KM; 18 Apr Douglas KP

Great Crested Flycatcher Early: 02 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Union DS; 09 May Brookings CV **Western Kingbird** Early: 27 Apr Stanley RDO; 29 Apr Hughes CA, KP; 01 May Bennett ND; 09 May Hyde, Minnehaha KM

Eastern Kingbird Early: 07 May McCook JSP; 08 May Clay DS; 08 May Douglas KP; 08 May Hyde KM, RDO; 13 May Harding KM

Bell's Vireo Early: 14 May Charles Mix KP; 15 May Custer MMM; 18 May Stanley JSP

Yellow-throated Vireo Early: 12 May Union DS; 13 May Minnehaha CA; 14 May Lincoln CA; 14 May Roberts CV

Blue-headed Vireo Early: 30 Apr Union DS; 07 May Brown GO; 07 May McCook JSP ... Late: 27 May Marshall CV; 25 May Union DS; 17 May Hand JSP

Philadelphia Vireo Early: 13 May Minnehaha CA; 14 May Lincoln CA; 17 May Clay DS ... Late: 27 May Marshall CV; 25 May Minnehaha CA; 25 May Union DS

Warbling Vireo Early: 07 May Brown GO; 08 May Clay GJS; 08 May Union DS; 12 May Harding KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 14 May Charles Mix (NB) KP

Red-eyed Vireo Early: 09 May Lake JSP; 10 May Douglas KP; 12 May Sully RDO; 31 May Harding KM

Loggerhead Shrike Early: 05 Apr Brown GO; 11 Apr Stanley RDO; 12 Apr Custer MMM ... Confirmed Breeding: 13 May Harding (ON) KM, 26 May Custer (ON) MMM

Northern Shrike Late: 20 Mar Charles Mix KP; 17 Mar Sully KM; 14 Mar Clay DS; 13 Mar Douglas KP

Canada Jay All Reports: 02 Mar Lawrence DGP; 15 Mar Custer JSP; 16 Mar Lawrence JSP; 28 Mar Pennington KM

Northern Rough-winged Swallow Early: 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 29 Apr Hughes CV; 29 Apr Ziebach KM; 02 May Brown GO

Purple Martin Early: 10 Apr Douglas KP; 24 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Lyman ND ... Also Reported: **30 May Harding KM (first county record)**

Tree Swallow Early: 02 Apr Charles Mix KP; 10 Apr Minnehaha CA; 11 Apr Clay GJS; 25 Apr Pennington CLG

Violet-green Swallow Early: 25 Apr Pennington CLG; 09 May Lawrence VDF; 14 May Harding KM

Bank Swallow Early: 24 Apr Stanley KM; 26 Apr Lincoln CA; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Ziebach KM

Barn Swallow Early: 12 Apr Hughes KM; 20 Apr Custer MMM; 21 Apr Clay GJS

Cliff Swallow Early: 23 Apr Miner JSP; 24 Apr Stanley KM; 28 Apr Faulk CV; 29 Apr Ziebach KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 18 May Charles Mix (NB) KP

Golden-crowned Kinglet Late: 06 May Minnehaha CA; 05 May Brookings JSP; 04 May Edmunds GO

Ruby-crowned Kinglet Early: 10 Apr Brown GO; 10 Apr Clay GJS; 10 Apr Union GJS, DS; 18 Apr Pennington CLG

Red-breasted Nuthatch Late: 27 May Hughes KM; 25 May Hand KM; 23 May Roberts CV

White-breasted Nuthatch Confirmed Breeding: 21 May-25 May Minnehaha, Douglas counties (CF)

Pygmy Nuthatch All Reports: 14 Mar Custer KM, RDO; 14 Mar Pennington JLB

Brown Creeper Late: 19 May Sully KM; 04 May Brookings CV; 04 May Edmunds GO

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Early: 06 May Charles Mix KP; 06 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Hughes DB

Rock Wren Early: 28 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Custer MMM; 12 May Harding KM

Canyon Wren All Reports: 17 Mar Fall River JSP; 01 May Lawrence CA, KP

House Wren Early: 26 Apr Union DS; 01 May Butte CV; 02 May Hughes KM; 03 May Lake JSP; 03 May Lincoln CA

Winter Wren All Reports: 21 Apr Day GO; 24-27 Apr Hughes KM; 03 May Hand KM; 03 May Lake JSP

Sedge Wren Early: 27 Apr Hughes KM; 03 May Hand KM; 03 May Lincoln CA

Marsh Wren Early: 17 Mar Fall River JSP; 23 Apr Hughes EDS, KM; 27 Apr Douglas KP

American Dipper All Reports: 03 Mar Lawrence DGP; 30 Apr Lawrence KM; 01 May Lawrence CA, RDO, KP ... Confirmed Breeding: 16 Mar Lawrence (CN) JSP

Gray Catbird Early: 23 Apr Brown GO; 07 May Charles Mix KP; 07 May Clay DS; 12 May Harding KM **Brown Thrasher** Early: 19 Apr Brookings CV; 24 Apr Clay GJS; 29 Apr Lake JSP; 12 May Harding KM

Sage Thrasher All Reports: 22 Apr Butte MMM; 30 Apr Butte KM; 01 May Butte CA, KP, CV

Northern Mockingbird Only Report: 19 May Lyman JSP

European Starling Confirmed Breeding: 11 Apr-28 May, Minnehaha, Douglas, Gregory, Pennington (CN, NB, CF, NY)

Eastern Bluebird Early: 26 Mar Charles Mix JSP; 02 Apr Gregory KP; 03 Apr Clay GJS; 16 Apr Tripp RDO

Mountain Bluebird Early: 14 Mar Custer KM; 14 Mar Pennington KM; 17 Mar Fall River JSP

Townsend's Solitaire Late: 13 Apr Hughes KM; 23 Mar Stanley KM; 13 Mar Sully KM

American Robin Confirmed Breeding: 02 May-30 May, Minnehaha, Lincoln, Douglas, Charles Mix, Gregory, Harding (ON, CF, FY)

Veery Early: 03 May Minnehaha CA; 12 May Harding KM; 14 May Roberts CV ... Late: 21 May Lincoln CV; 17 May Hughes KM

Gray-cheeked Thrush Early: 06 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Union DS; 09 May Brown GO; 09 May Lake JSP ... Late: 27 May Marshall CV; 22 May Roberts CV; 21 May Sully KM

Swainson's Thrush Early: 27 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Lake JSP; 02 May Brown GO; 02 May Hughes KM; 02 May Minnehaha CA; 12 May Harding KM ... Late: 29 May Brown GO; 29 May Lake JSP; 29 May Stanley RDO

Hermit Thrush All Reports: 23 Apr – 02 May Brown GO; 02 May Lake JSP; 03 May Faulk MMM (first county record)

Wood Thrush Early: 25 Apr Hughes KM; 06 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Union DS

Bohemian Waxwing All Reports: 01 Mar Brown GO; 04 Mar Lawrence DGP; 16 Mar Lawrence JSP; 26 Apr Hughes KM

American Pipit Early: 01 Apr Yankton DS; 06 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 25 Apr Pennington CLG ... Late: 09 May Kingsbury KM; 30 Apr Butte CA, KP

Sprague's Pipit Only Report: 07 May Potter MMM

House Sparrow Confirmed Breeding: 10 Apr-22 May Lincoln, Douglas counties (CN, NB)

Evening Grosbeak Only Report: 10 Mar Lawrence VDF

Purple Finch Late: 12 May Roberts CV; 03 May Lake JSP; 02 May Brown GO; 24 Apr Clav GJS

House Finch Confirmed Breeding: 02 April Charles Mix (CN) KP

Common Redpoll Late: 03 Apr Hughes KM; 01 Apr Lawrence EK; 20 Mar Lake JSP

Red Crossbill All Reports: 12-31 May Harding KM

White-winged Crossbill Only Report: 01 Mar Brown GO

Pine Siskin Late East River: 21 May Brookings CV; 21 May Hughes KM; 19 May Minnehaha CA

Lapland Longspur All Reports: 05 Mar Lake JSP; 06 Mar Stanley RDO; 12 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 30 Mar Hughes KM

Chestnut-collared Longspur Early: 11 Apr Stanley RDO; 12 Apr Custer MMM; 14 Apr Pennington MMM; 22 Apr Faulk KM

Thick-billed Longspur Only Report: 01 May Butte CA, KP

Snow Bunting Only Report: 12 Mar Kingsbury JSP

Grasshopper Sparrow Early: 26 Apr Clay DS; 30 Apr Minnehaha JSP; 01 May Bennett ND

Chipping Sparrow Early: 24 Mar Douglas KP; 10 Apr Roberts CV; 11 Apr Clay DS; 29 Apr Meade CV **Clay-colored Sparrow** Early: 12 Apr Stanley KM; 23 Apr Roberts CV; 24 Apr Lake JSP; 29 Apr Ziebach KM

Field Sparrow Early: 11 Apr Clay GJS; 12 Apr Stanley KM; 15 Apr McCook JSP; 29 Apr Ziebach KM

Brewer's Sparrow Only Report: 14 May Harding KM

Lark Sparrow Early: 24 Apr Stanley RDO; 26 Apr Minnehaha CA; 27 Apr Brown GO; 29 Apr Ziebach KM

Lark Bunting Early: 07 May Haakon MMM; 08 May Pennington MMM; 10 May Brown CV; 12 May Harding, Stanley KM

American Tree Sparrow Late: 02 May Brown GO; 27 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Marshall GO; 17 Mar Fall River JSP

Fox Sparrow Early: 05 Mar Hughes KM; 13 Mar Union DS; 27 Mar Lincoln CA ... Late: 03 May Lake JSP; 02 May Brown GO; 27 Apr Hughes KM; 27 Apr Roberts CV; 20 Apr Lawrence VDF

Dark-eyed Junco Late: 14 May Kingsbury JSP; 10 May Hughes KM; 03 May Clay DS; 03 May Faulk MMM; 03 May Lake JSP

White-crowned Sparrow Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 23 Apr Hughes EDS; 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 26 Apr Roberts CV; 29 Apr Ziebach KM ... Late: 23 May Hand KM; 21 May Lincoln JSP; 16 May Stanley RDO; 15 May Harding KM

Harris's Sparrow Early: 05 Mar Clay GJS; 26 Apr Minnehaha CA; 27 Apr Hughes KM; 02 May Harding CV ... Late: 19 May Sully KM; 18 May Stanley JSP; 17 May Hughes KM; 16 May Roberts CV; 15 May Harding KM

White-throated Sparrow Early: 27 Mar Hughes KM; 21 Apr Clay GJS; 23 Apr Lake JSP; 29 Apr Meade CV ... Late: 22 May Hughes KM; 16 May Corson KM; 15 May Harding KM; 14 May Brown GO

Vesper Sparrow Early: 10 Apr Douglas KP; 12 Apr Stanley KM, RDO; 12 Apr Custer MMM

LeConte's Sparrow Only Report: 21 May Lincoln CV

Nelson's Sparrow Only Report: 21 May Lincoln CA

Savannah Sparrow Early: 12 Apr Stanley KM; 20 Apr Hughes KM; 21 Apr Hand KM, RDO; 21 Apr Hyde RDO; 21 Apr Meade MMM; 21 Apr Roberts CV

Song Sparrow Early: 01 Mar Charles Mix KP; 05 Mar Lawrence VDF; 19 Mar Minnehaha CA

Lincoln's Sparrow Early: 26 Mar Clay DS; 31 Mar Hughes KM; 18 Apr Douglas KP; 18 Apr Pennington CLG ... Late: 22 May Stanley KM; 21 May Hughes KM; 19 May Sully KM; 15 May Douglas KP; 15 May Harding KM

Swamp Sparrow Early: 27 Apr Hughes KM; 28 Apr Hand CV; 03 May Lincoln CA

Spotted Towhee Early: 09 Apr Lincoln CA; 23 Apr Hughes Km, EDS; 23 Apr Lawrence VDF; 23 Apr Stanley RDO

Eastern Towhee Early: 17 Apr Clay GJS; 26 Apr Union DS; 03 May Lincoln CA

Yellow-breasted Chat Early: 09 May Hyde KM, RDO; 10 May Stanley RDO; 11 May Hughes Km, EDS; 12 May Harding KM; 14 May Kingsbury JSP

Yellow-headed Blackbird Early: 16 Mar Charles Mix KP; 05 Apr Brown GO; 05 Apr Douglas KP; 29 Apr Meade CV

Bobolink Early: 04 May Brookings CV; 07 May McCook JSP; 08 May Hyde KM; 14 May Harding KM

Western Meadowlark Early: 05 Mar Lake JSP; 12 Mar Charles Mix CA; 13 Mar Douglas KP; 13 Mar Sully KM; 14 Mar Haakon RDO ... Confirmed Breeding: 01 May Lawrence (NB) ND

Eastern Meadowlark All Reports: 03 Apr Clay GJS; 01 May Bennett ND

Orchard Oriole Early: 08 May Clay DS; 10 May Minnehaha CA; 11 May Lake JSP; 12 May Lawrence VDF

Bullock's Oriole Early: 12 May Lawrence VDF; 15 May Custer MMM; 15 May Harding KM; 16 May Hughes KM

Baltimore Oriole Early: 07 May Brown GO; 07 May Clay DS; 08 May Marshall CV; 12 May Lawrence VDF

Red-winged Blackbird Early: 01 Mar Hughes KM; 04 Mar Lincoln CA; 05 Mar Clay GJS; 15 Mar Custer JSP ... Confirmed Breeding: 21, 22 May Douglas (CN, ON) KP

Brown-headed Cowbird Early: 06 Mar Clay GJS; 20 Mar Brookings JSP; 26 Mar Charles Mix JSP; 29 Apr Ziebach KM, CV

Rusty Blackbird Early: 19 Mar Kingsbury JSP; 21 Mar Clay GJS; 25 Mar Minnehaha CA ... Late: 14 May Roberts CV; 09 Apr Turner KP; 02 Apr Gregory KP

Brewer's Blackbird Early: 16 Mar Charles Mix KP; 27 Mar Aurora KP; 09 Apr Turner KP; 29 Apr Butte, Ziebach KM

Common Grackle Early: 01 Mar Clay GJS; 15 Mar Douglas KP; 18 Mar Minnehaha CA; 28 Mar Pennington CLG ... Confirmed Breeding: 18 Apr-28 May, Douglas (CN, CF) KP

Great-tailed Grackle Early: 24 Mar Douglas KP; 03 May Corson CV (first county record); 13 May Harding KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 09 May Beadle (ON) KM, RDO (first county breeding record); 29 May Harding (ON) KM

Ovenbird Early: 03 May Brown GO; 04 May Minnehaha CA; 08 May Clay DS; 12 May Harding KM

Northern Waterthrush Early: 03 May Hughes EDS; 03 May Minnehaha CA; 07 May McCook JSP; 13 May Harding KM ... Late: 28 May Hamlin CV; 23 May Pennington CLG; 16 May Hughes EDS

Golden-winged Warbler All Reports: 12-14 May Union GJS, DS; 14 May Lincoln CA; 18 May Stanley JSP; 22 May Lincoln CA; 23 May Union DS

Blue-winged Warbler All Reports: 14-21 May Lincoln CA, JSP, KP, CV

Black-and-white Warbler Early: 30 Apr Butte CV; 30 Apr Union DS; 02 May Brown GO; 02 May Minnehaha CA ... Late: 28 May Marshall, Roberts GO; 24 May Hughes EDS; 24 May Minnehaha CA; 12 May Harding KM

Tennessee Warbler Early: 08 May Union DS; 09 May Hyde RDO; 09 May Lake JSP; 12 May Harding KM ... Late: 28 May Roberts JSP; 27 May Hughes KM; 26 May Minnehaha CA; 14 May Harding KM

Orange-crowned Warbler Early: 23 Apr Hughes KM; 23 Apr Stanley RDO; 25 Apr Pennington CLG; 26 Apr Brown GO ... Late: 28 May Hamlin CV; 25 May Minnehaha CA; 24 May Brookings CV; 19 May Sully KM; 15 May Harding KM

Nashville Warbler Early: 30 Apr Union DS; 04 May Brookings CV; 08 May Hyde KM ... Late: 18-26 May Roberts CV; 24 May Lake JSP; 21 May Lincoln JSP; 20 May Hughes KM

Connecticut Warbler Only Report: 25 May Union DS

MacGillivray's Warbler All Reports: 16 May Hughes EDS; 28 May Stanley KM

Mourning Warbler Early: 09 May Lake JSP; 12 May Sully RDO; 12 May Union DS ... Late: 27 May Hughes KM; 26 May Minnehaha CA; 23 May Union DS

Common Yellowthroat Early: 30 Apr Butte CV; 30 Apr Meade CA, KP; 02 May Pennington CLG; 04 May Brookings CV; 08 May Stanley RDO

Hooded Warbler: All Reports: 25-26 Hughes KM, RDO; 14-21 May Lincoln CA, JSP, KP, CV

American Redstart Early: 08 May Union DS; 09 May Hyde RDO; 09 May Lake JSP; 15 May Harding KM

Cape May Warbler All Reports: 12-14 May Union GJS, DS; 14 May Lincoln CA; 14 May Roberts CV Northern Parula All Reports: 23 Apr Hughes KM; 05 May Hughes KM, RDO; 12 May Union DS; 14-15 May Lincoln CA; 25 May Union DS

Magnolia Warbler Early: 08 May Union DS; 09 May Brookings CV; 10 May Sully KM; 12 May Harding KM ... Late: 27 May Lake JSP; 25 May Hand KM; 25 May Minnehaha CA; 22 May Stanley KM

Bay-breasted Warbler All Reports: 17 May Hughes KM; 18 May Union GJS; 23 May Union DS; 25 May Union DS

Blackburnian Warbler Early: 09 May Lincoln CA; 12 May Hughes DB; 17 May Hand JSP ... Late: 27 May Lake JSP; 23 May Union DS; 22 May Lincoln CA; **18 May Hyde KM (first county record)**

Yellow Warbler Early: 27 Apr Clay GJS; 28 Apr Marshall CV; 07 May McCook JSP; 12 May Harding KM ... Confirmed Breeding: 18 May-25 May, Marshall, Charles Mix, Gregory counties (NB, CF)

Chestnut-sided Warbler Early: 09 May Lincoln CA; 11 May Hughes KM; 13 May Minnehaha CA ... Late: 25 May Hand KM; 25 May Minnehaha CA; 23 May Union DS

Blackpoll Warbler Early: 08 May Clay DS; 08 May Hyde RDO; 09 May Lake JSP; 12 May Harding KM ... Late: 30 May Harding KM; 28 May Stanley KM; 27 May Hughes KM; 25 May Hand KM

Palm Warbler Early: 26 Apr Union DS; 27 Apr Minnehaha CA; 28 Apr Hughes KM; 28 Apr Lake JSP ... Late: 16 May Roberts CV; 14 May Brown GO; 14 May Kingsbury JSP; 12 May Hughes DS; 12 May Stanley RDO

Yellow-rumped Warbler Early: 13 Mar Union DS; 17 Mar Charles Mix KP; 23 Mar Stanley KM; 15 Apr Brown GO; 18 Apr Pennington CLG ... Late: 24 May Hand KM; 22 May Hughes KM; 22 May Lincoln CA

Black-throated Green Warbler All Reports: 09 May Brookings CV; 11 May Hughes DB; 12 May Union DS; 14 May Lincoln CA

Canada Warbler All Reports: 18 May Union GJS; 20 May Lincoln KP; 22 May Lincoln CA; 23 May Union DS; 24 May Hand KM; 25 May Union DS

Wilson's Warbler Early: 09 May Brookings CV; 09 May Lincoln CA; 13 May Minnehaha CA; 16 May Pennington CLG ... Late: 26 May Minnehaha CA; 24 May Brookings CV; 23 May Miner JSP

Summer Tanager All Reports: 23 Apr Hughes KM; 29 Apr Lake JSP; 01 May Hughes RDO; 02 May Hughes KM; 05 May Hughes KM

Scarlet Tanager Early: 11 May Hughes KM; 12 May Roberts CV; 12 May Union DS

Western Tanager All Reports: 07 May Lawrence VDF; 15 May Harding KM

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Early: 06 May Charles Mix KP; 07 May Lawrence VDF; 08 May Lake JSP; 08 May Union DS ... Confirmed Breeding: 14 May Lincoln (NB) CA

Black-headed Grosbeak Early: 04 May Stanley RDO; 09 May Douglas KP; 10 May Roberts CV; 10 May Sully KM; **13 May Union DS; 24 May Hand KM (first county records)**

Blue Grosbeak All Reports: 15 May Custer MMM; 18 May Stanley JSP; 19 May Buffalo JSP; 20 May Stanley RDO; 21 May Sully KM, RDO; 26 May Haakon, Pennington KM

Lazuli Bunting Early: 10 May Sully KM; 11 May Lawrence VDF; 12 May Hughes DB; 20 May Roberts CV

Indigo Bunting Early: 10 May Clay GJS; 13 May Hughes RDO; 14 May Charles Mix KP; 14 May Hughes RDO; 14 May Kingsbury JSP, DS; 14 May Lincoln CA; 14 May Roberts CV; 14 May Union GJS; 20 May Lawrence VDF

Dickcissel Early: 12 May Clay DS; 14 May Charles Mix KP; 14 May Kingsbury JSP; 15 May Lincoln CA

Species Expected But Not Reported

Barrow's Goldeneye (2), Surf Scoter (3), White-winged Scoter (3), Black Scoter (3), Ruffed Grouse, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Neotropic Cormorant, Dusky Flycatcher, Plumbeous Vireo, Clark's Nutcracker, Common Raven, Carolina Wren, Cassin's Finch, Virginia's Warbler

Reports Requiring Acceptance By The Rare Bird Records Committee

Whimbrel 28 May Hamlin CV (first county record, approved by committee) Western Sandpiper: 23 Apr Miner JSP (first county record; approved by committee)

Glaucous-winged Gull: 19-24 Apr Hughes, Stanley KM, RDO (approved by committee)

Sedge Wren: 01 May Butte KM

Golden-crowned Sparrow: 29-30 Apr Meade CA, KM, RDO, KP, CV (approved by committee)

LeConte's Sparrow: 01 May Butte KM
Prothonotary Warbler: 21 May Brookings CV
Mourning Warbler: 23 May Pennington JLB, JSS (approved by committee); 30 May Harding KM
Kentucky Warbler: 14 May Brown GO (first county record; approved by committee); 18 May Union DS

Cape May Warbler: 14 May Harding KM

Black-throated Green Warbler: 14 May Harding KM Black-throated Gray Warbler: 08 May Hyde KM

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Common Gallinule chicks, 7/24/2021, Day County

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